

REGULAR V.I.T. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday August 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the V.I.T. Community Unit School District #2 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bob Lascelles in the High School Library.

ROLL CALL Roll call was answered by: Bob Coulter, Nathan Essex, Ryan Heitz, Bob Lascelles, Blake Miller, Larry Payne and Amanda Rector.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE Other's present were: Matthew Klaska, Superintendent; Mark Darr, HS Principal, Travis Snowden, Tanner Payne, Emily Fawcett, Abbie Stevenson, Sophie Lascelles, Clint Fawcett, Brian Anderson and Amy Hampton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR AGENDA 14I. Consider the approval of the partial RIF of employee to reduce hours from 7.75 to 7.5.

CONSENT AGENDA A motion was made by Nathan Essex and seconded by Blake Miller to approve the consent agenda items which consisted of previous meeting minutes, financial reports, bills and payroll, and activity fund reports. Roll Call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; Rector aye; and Lascelles aye. Motion passed with a 7-0 roll call vote.

TEACHER INPUT/ CURRICULUM CORNER **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**
None

PUBLIC INPUT Abbie Stevenson and Sophie Lascelles, officers of the FFA committee were present to ask about the National Convention Conference in November. The conference is Nov. 1st-4th. Currently there are 3 chaperones and 15 students are going.

Tanner Payne, from Sloan Implement was present to talk about trading the lawn mower in the spring. This will be an identical mower, except for it will be a diesel engine.

**SCHEDULED
VISITORS**

None

INFORMATIONAL / DISCUSSION ITEMS

**SUMMER
PROJECTS**

Discussion was held on the summer projects. The Football Field Bleachers will be finished up around the 24th. The Elementary floors are completed. The parking lot and football field parking area is finished.

**TENTATIVE FY
2024 BUDGET**

Discussion was held on the tentative FY 2024 budget. The budget balances differ because of the timing of the bills coming in, but overall it's a balanced budget.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

HIGH SCHOOL

Principal Darr reported it was a great first day of school. Jr/Sr High has a total of 164 students this year. There was a Guest Speaker for the High school and Jr High today. Mr. Darr shared the weighted classes that the committee chose for this year.

ELEMENTARY

Principal Klaska reported that the Elementary has a total of 170 students this year. The total enrollment for the district is 343 students.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS/
EXECUTIVE
SESSION:**

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION
MINUTES**

A motion was made by Blake Miller and seconded by Amanda Rector at 7:22 pm to enter executive session. Roll call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; Rector, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passes with a 7-0 roll call.

**APPROVAL OF
EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

A motion was made by Larry Payne and seconded by Ryan Heitz to approve executive session minutes. Roll call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; Rector, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passes with a 7-0 roll call.

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Nathan Essex and seconded by Amanda Rector at 8:24pm to return to open session. Roll call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; Rector, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passes with a 7-0 roll call.

ACTION ITEMS

WAIVE TUITION

A motion was made by Larry Payne and seconded by Amanda Rector to approve of per SB 2390 to waive tuition for non-resident students if the student is a child of a district employee (certified and non-certified). Child includes an employee's biological child, adopted child, foster child, step-child, or a child for which the employee serves as a legal guardian. Roll call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; Rector, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passes with a 7-0 roll call.

**POSTING OF
THE FY 2024
BUDGET**

A motion was made by Bob Coulter and seconded by Nathan Essex to approve the initial posting of FY 2024 Budget. Roll call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; Rector, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passes with a 7-0 roll call.

**ASPHALT
QUOTE**

A motion was made by Nathan Essex and seconded by Larry Payne to approve the Spoon River Asphalt quote. Roll call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; Rector, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passes with a 7-0 roll call.

**HIRING OF
PARAPROFESSIO
NALS FOR 23/24
SCHOOL YEAR**

A motion was made by Blake Miller and seconded by Bob Coulter to approve the hiring of Stephanie Nicks, Taylor Snowden, and Marsha Bolton as paraprofessionals for the 23/24 school year. Roll call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; Rector, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passes with a 7-0 roll call.

**BOOKKEEPERS
CONTRACT**

A motion was made by Larry Payne and seconded by Blake Miller to approve the bookkeeper's contract. Roll call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; Rector, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passes with a 7-0 roll call.

**HIGH SCHOOL
FREEZER**

A motion was made by Amanda Rector and seconded by Bob Coulter to approve the purchasing freezer for the High School. Roll call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; Rector, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passes with a 7-0 roll call.

A motion was made by Larry Payne and seconded by Blake Miller to

PARTIAL RIF

approve the partial RIF of employee, Gina Stevenson, to reduce hours from 7.75 to 7.5 hours. Roll call: Coulter, aye; Essex, aye; Heitz, aye; Miller, aye; Payne, aye; Rector, aye; and Lascelles, aye. Motion passes with a 7-0 roll call.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Public Hearing on new pavement for Jr/Sr High @6:50pm.
Public Hearing on FY24 Budget is Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:55pm
Next regularly Board Meeting is Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7pm

A motion to adjourn was made by Larry Payne and seconded by Amanda Rector at 8:35p.m. Motion carried with an all-Aye vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Bob Coulter
Board Secretary

Bob Lascelles
Board President

Amy Hampton
Recording Secretary
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